

## **SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS IN MIXED USE BUILDINGS CONTAINING BOTH A-2 USE AND RESIDENTIAL USE**

**(Driven by Section 4A of C. 304 of the Acts of 2004)**

### **780CMR904.3.1-11-04-E1**

Add a new section 904.3.1 that reads:

**904.3.1 A-2 and residential mixed use buildings:** Where a building contains one or more residential dwelling units and also contains an A-2 Use and where the A-2 Use has an occupant load of 50 ~~100~~ or greater, an automatic fire suppression system shall be provided throughout the building including any common areas connecting the A-2 use and the residential use (see C. 304 of the Acts of 2004, Section 4A).

#### **Defense:**

This Building Code requirement reflects the statutory language of C.304 of the Acts of 2004, Section 4A, enacted after the West Warwick Rhode Island “Station” nightclub fire but as made more stringent by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards by reducing the occupant load Sprinkler “trigger” from *100 or greater* to *50 or greater* (C.304 of the Acts of 2004, Section 4A empowers the BBRS to prescribe more stringent sprinkler requirements (than those prescribed by C.304)).

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